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SUBJECT: CANADA: JIPTC FUNDS WILL BE AUTHORIZED BEFORE YEAR
END

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1. (SBU) Daniel Joly, Director of the Iraq program at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) assured polmiloff late on December 7 that Canadian funding for 2006 training at the JIPTC would be authorized before the end of the year. The funding package already had been reviewed against stringent guidelines on what the Minister could and could not do following dissolution of the government, Joly said, and there was no obstacle to approval.

2. (SBU) Moreover, Joly continued, International Cooperation Minister Carroll was "personally committed" to continuing Canada's support for training of the Iraqi police force in the wake of her visit to the JIPTC earlier this year. The formality of the Minister's signature was all that remained to authorize CAD 7.5 million for 2006, and it would be done at the "earliest opportunity," he concluded

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